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Honorable President Clinton:

I am writing to ask you to make public the conversations you have had with Prime Minister Tony Blair regarding Monsanto and Genetically Modified foods. Because of the concern regarding these substances and their safety, I feel that at a minimum these substances should be labeled. It would be better still, if a moratorium was in effect on the production of these GM foods unless and until these foods can be proven safe. The concerns of the European people should be sending a message to Monsanto that they seem to be missing: a product that has no market, especially because of safety and health issues, should be removed from the market. If they don't want to do that they should at least label them so we have a choice. Their unwillingness to label them indicates to me that their company is both irresponsible to community safety, and that they fear the product is so unpopular that no one would buy it. In England 51% of the people are concerned about the safety of GM foods. The Indian people and other residents of developing countries, are concerned about the seeds that do not reproduce since saving seeds is an important aspect of farming methods. Their concerns should be heard and respected. Here in the US, the USDA recently proposed allowing genetically modified substances in the organic foods. This so outraged american public, that nearly 200,000 responses requesting that sludge, irradiation and GM foods be prohibited from organic foods, led to the result that the proposal was revised.

Corporations are subject to government scrutiny. Please require standards that benefit all people. Please regulate this industry to require labeling, safety standards and possibly a moratorium until safety standards can be developed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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